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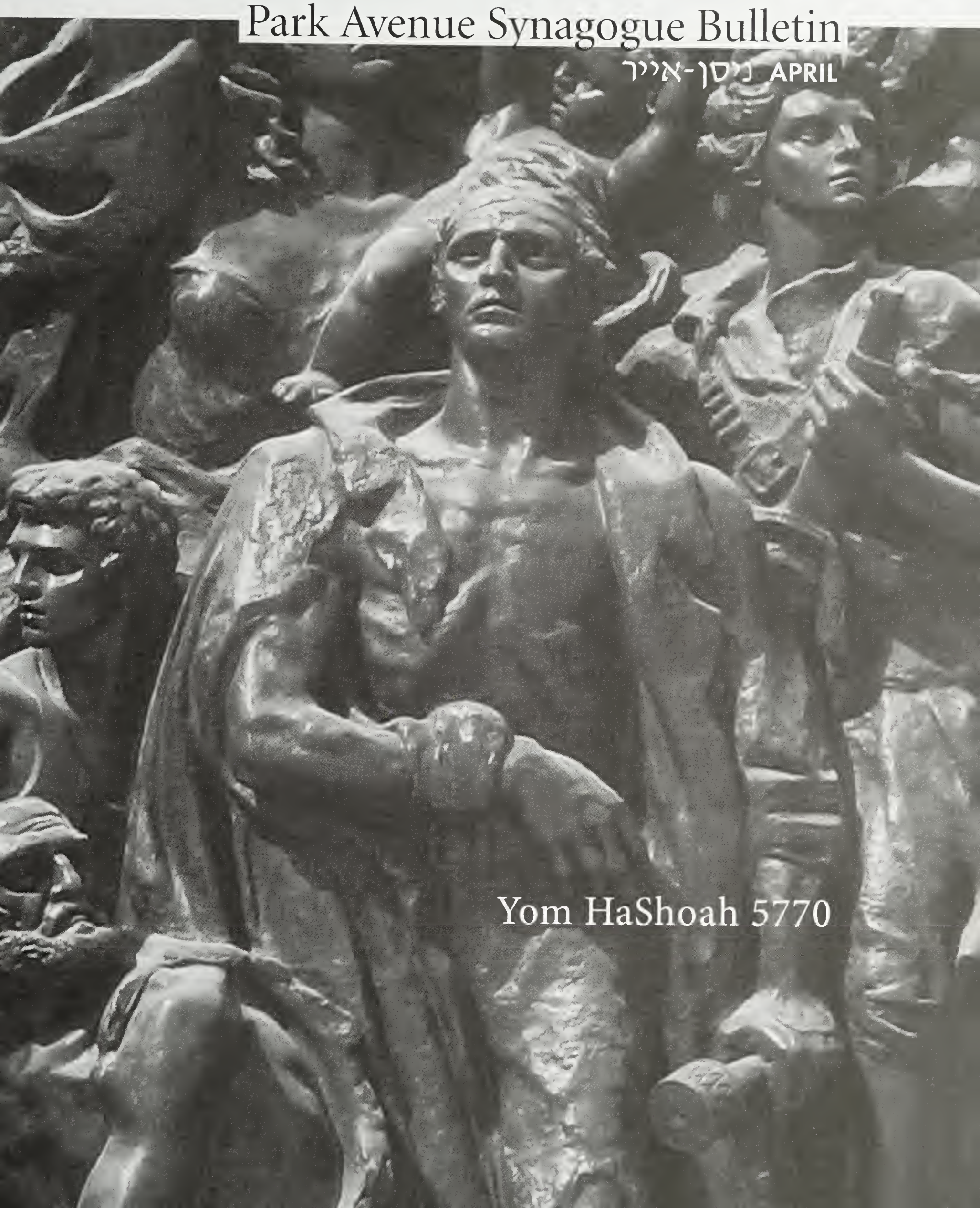

Yom HaShoah 5770

From Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

Our community is at an incredible moment of growth and vitality.

Too Big To Fail?

This spring I have waded my way through Andrew Ross Sorkin's new book *Too Big to Fail.* It is an eye-opening and gripping account of the financial crisis that seized the world in 2008. Written like a thriller, Sorkin's book provides the inside story of how the leaders of the largest financial firms turned a deaf ear and blind eye to the markets, the risks they were taking, their balance sheets and other clues. Believing themselves "too big to fail," they were undone, as Sorkin tells it, by their own egos, greed and insularity.

No institution, for-profit or charitable, civic or religious, is "too big to fail." In many ways, Park Avenue Synagogue represents a certain corporate model of American Jewish Life. This model can accomplish great things: educating generations, representing the Jewish voice in national affairs, providing community to so many, and being a flagship congregation within the Conservative movement. Our Purim celebrations, our Shabbatonim, our schools, our communal seders – one need not look far to know the blessings of being part of a large community.

The danger is that our size and self-perception can – as they did for the companies in Sorkin's book – lead to insularity and inertia. We must look both within ourselves and beyond our walls in order to position ourselves to meet the evolving needs of our membership. We must never allow a "business as usual" mentality to set in, but constantly strive to serve our members better and reach out to those whom our message is not reaching. The process of cultivating new programs, new educational models, new music and new visions of synagogue must be continual. Self-reflection and refinement are signs of strength that signal the ability to understand constructive criticism as the only path towards continued success.

My greatest concern as Rabbi to a large community is the experience of the individual Jew seeking community in this intimidating institutional structure. How exactly does an "outsider" become an "insider" in such a large congregation? My simple advice is to look for a comfortable entrance. Flipping through the pages of this Bulletin, you'll see a host of programs sponsored by our Arms and Committees and Departments. From early morning study sessions to "Torah on Tap" with our Men's Club, from book discussions to films to a Women's Evening Group course in financial fluency, there are programs at all times of day, every day of the week. The calendar is filled with skill-building classes and lectures on religious, political and cultural issues, as well as daily services. Kiddush on Shabbat is a chance to meet and schmooze with clergy, lay leaders, and other members of the community. Each of these programs is an opportunity to enter the lifeblood of the synagogue. And if nothing catches your fancy, then believe it or not, now is the time to tell us, as all our committees and departments are beginning to plan programs for next year.

Our community is at an incredible moment of growth and vitality. Our lay and professional leadership are building on our past, riding a wave of momentum creating a community with an insatiable love of Jewish life. I believe it is precisely at this moment of optimism and enthusiasm that we also need to be reflective, thoughtful and intentional in how we move forward. I do hope you will join me in the journey ahead.

*If you would like PAS clergy to officiate at a lifecycle event, **please speak to a Rabbi before finalizing the time.*** The *Rabbis, Cantors, and entire PAS community are here for you; allow us to be a part of your lives. Please contact the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120.*

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COVER: *"The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," bronze sculpture by Natan J. Rapoport, 1947, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.*

An ethical will is one of the most loving documents you can prepare.

Preserving Your Values & Your Value

Recently Jodi and I looked at each other and said: "now that we have a child, we need a will." We have to determine who will receive custody of our son if, God forbid, anything should happen to us. We also need to indicate how our property and assets will be distributed among our family. The benefits of creating a will are fairly well known. Our heirs can look at our will and know exactly how to divide up our estate. What they will not know is who we were and what values we held.

Think about who you are named after. Who are your children named after? Why were these names chosen? Prior to every Simhat Bat or Brit Milah we ask parents to describe their child's namesake and the qualities of the namesake that they hope their child will have. This process generally yields a list of attributes that most people would want for their progeny. But the direct voice of the namesake is absent. What if the individual whom we recall at the moment of choosing a name could bestow a wish upon their child/grandchild/great-grandchild? How can we influence those we love by passing on not only our wealth but our values?

Our sages related that until the time of Jacob, death had always come upon men suddenly. Jacob spoke to God, saying, "Lord of the world, a man dies suddenly, and he is not laid low first by illness, and he cannot acquaint his children with his wishes regarding all he leaves behind. But if a man first fell sick, and felt that his end were drawing nigh, he would have time to set his house in order." (Louis Ginzberg, The Legends of the Jews, v2, p131). God granted this wish; we can read in the Bible Jacob's final blessing to his sons, Joseph's final requests, Moses' farewell address to the children of Israel, and David's advice to Solomon. Their deathbed declarations are filled with love of God and humanity and with worldly wisdom. These declarations are all ethical wills. Unlike the familiar property will, an ethical will is designed to pass on wisdom – one's spiritual wealth.

An ethical will is one of the most loving documents you can prepare. This is a statement of your legacy – what you achieved during your lifetime, the values you want to transmit to the next generation, your hopes and dreams for your family in the future.

To explore ethical wills and how to write them, I will be leading a workshop with PAS member Selma Weintraub during April's Thursday Lunch & Learn sessions at 12:00 noon in the Rothschild Library. We will explore the history of ethical wills, read examples of ethical wills by Jews both famous and ordinary, and begin writing ethical wills of our own.

If we take time to record the values and knowledge that we hold dear to our hearts, we can actively bestow blessings to future generations.

Events
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April 2 – 3 | **Food Pantry Shabbat** | $ ✆

On Friday evening, have Shabbat Dinner at PAS and hear the reflections of Amy Harmon and Katie Roiphe, co-founders of the Food Pantry, and Peter Geffen, principal of the High School when the Food Pantry opened. On Shabbat morning, the current co-chairs of the Food Pantry will speak, and past and present volunteers will be honored. For more about Food Pantry, see page 13. Cost for dinner: $45/members, $60/non-members, $25/children under 8.

$ ✆ RSVP by March 29 to *lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of children, and authorization to bill your account. (Non-members must pay in advance.) Babysitting available on request. Cancellations with refund until noon on Thursday, April 1.*

Sunday, April 11 | **Yom HaShoah**

In their darkest moments, victims of Nazi persecution expressed their fears, their hopes, their memories and their dreams through poetry and through song. Our memorial service this year will intertwine these lyrics and melodies with memories of Holocaust survivors in our own community, narrated by their children and grandchildren. For additional information about this unusual and moving program, please turn the page.

Music and Memory from Beyond the Night: A Yom HaShoah Observance

Sunday, April 11 | 6:15 pm

Under Your white stars
I stretch to You my white hand
My words are tears
That want to rest in Your hand. . .
I run higher, over rooftops,
And I search, where are You, where?

—Abraham Sutzkever, from the Vilna Ghetto

By Menachem Z. Rosensaft

Even in the Jewish people's most desperate hours, music emerged as a weapon of defiance, of fierce spiritual resistance. Mothers sang lullabies against a backdrop of mass graves. Partisans in the forests sang that tomorrow would be theirs. And after the war, survivors sang of the family members they had lost in the gas chambers.

At Park Avenue Synagogue this year, our observance of Yom HaShoah, the official day of mourning for the victims of the Holocaust, will feature the melodies of the Holocaust performed by Cantor Elana Rozenfeld together with the Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir. Drawing on her proficiency in Yiddish and her deep knowledge of modern Jewish culture, Cantor Rozenfeld will allow us to see into the souls of Jews who were engulfed by blackness but refused to be deprived of their humanity. "Music," Cantor Rozenfeld explains, "is a core medium of remembrance. We will honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust through their own songs, the songs with which they expressed their suffering, their sorrow, and even their dreams for the future."

The Holocaust was no less a national Jewish catastrophe than the destruction of the first and second Temples. Unlike those distant tragedies, however, it is a recent horror. The experiences of the Holocaust survivors and the parents of the sons and daughters of survivors among us include deportations from ghettos, selections for the gas chambers, desperate escapes, partisan unit ambushes of Nazi troops, secret hiding spaces, and forged identities. As part of our commemoration, children and grandchildren of survivors will merge their family histories with the songs, to remind us that the legacy of the Holocaust is an integral part of our identity as a community.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we stand together in the synagogue as we contemplate our frailties and ask for God's blessings. During the Passover Seder, we are each enjoined to see ourselves as if we personally had come out of Egypt. It is also incumbent on us to stand as a community on Yom HaShoah. All of us, not only those of us who have relatives who died, must join together to mourn, to commemorate both our destruction and our survival, and to integrate the stories and melodies of the Holocaust into our theology, our liturgy, and our lives.

We ask the entire Park Avenue Synagogue community to participate in our Yom Hashoah commemoration. It is our responsibility to ensure that the memory of the millions of Jewish men, women and children who were annihilated during the years of the Holocaust will endure for all time as a burning scar on our national and congregational consciousness.

Photo: Fundacion Memoria del Holocausto, Buenos Aires

Friday, April 2 17 Nisan

Hol ha-moed Pesah

Candle lighting, 7:03 pm

7:00 am | **Morning Minyan**

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, April 3 18 Nisan

Hol ha-moed Pesah

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**

9:30 am | **Havurah**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Monday, April 5 20 Nisan

7th Day of Pesah

9:15 am | **Festival Service**

10:30 am | **Pesah Service & Celebration for Families with Young Children**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Tuesday, April 6 21 Nisan

8th Day of Pesah

9:15 am | **Festival Service, including Yizkor**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Friday, April 9 25 Nisan

Candle lighting, 7:10 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service with Children's Birthday Blessings**

Saturday, April 10 26 Nisan

Parashat Sh'mini

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service** Bar Mitzvah of Harris Julian Vleeschhouwer, son of Jay Vleeschhouwer and Anne Kupfer Vleeschhouwer

10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**

10:15 am | **Iyyun Tefillah**

10:15 am | **Nitzanim**

11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

5:00 pm | **Young Families Havdalah Service**

Friday, April 16 2 Iyyar

Candle lighting, 7:18 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, April 17 3 Iyyar

Parashat Tazria/M'tzora

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service Seminary Shabbat with JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen**

9:30 am | **Havurah**

10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**

11:15 am | **Pre-K Shabbat**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Friday, April 23 9 Iyyar

Candle lighting, 7:25 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, April 24 10 Iyyar

Parashat Aharei Mot/K'doshim

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service** Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Slavin, daughter of Howard & Wendy Slavin

10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**

11:15 am | **Pre-K Shabbat**

12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Friday, April 30 16 Iyyar

Candle lighting, 7:32 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Friday, April 16 | 5:00 pm | $ ✆

Shabbat Service & Dinner for Families with Young Children

Families with children ages 0 – 6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and a short program. Cost: $35/members, $45/non-members, $15/children. Space is limited for dinner.

$ ✆ **RSVP by April 13.** *Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of children, and authorization to bill your account. Non-members must pay in advance to hold space. Cancellations with refund (or credit toward another dinner) until noon on Thursday, April 15.*

Special Services

Saturday, April 3, 17 | 9:30 am

Havurah חבורה

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service held in the Rothschild Library. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Friday, April 9 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings ברכות

This family service includes Shabbat blessings, a small gift for birthday children, and a festive kiddush.

For information, *contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.*

Saturday, April 10 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

Iyyun Tefillah עיון תפילה

Delve into the siddur and learn how the traditional Jewish prayer book can be a spiritual resource. We will look at aspects of the Shabbat morning liturgy from the perspective of the Bible, theological reflections, history, mystical perspectives, *halakhah*, and more.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, Cantor Azi Schwartz and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ. ***Daily minyanim*** *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv*** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Any time changes are noted above. Information is subject to change. Confirm with the Synagogue office or at www.pasyn.org.*

Synagogue Family

ברוכים הבאים Welcome

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Daniel & Jamie Altcheck
Estelle Finkelstein
David & Diane Hess
Michael & Allison Nathan
Stuart & Lauren Ruderfer
Dan & Carla Silber
Beula Steinberg

המקום ינחם אתכם Condolences

The PAS community mourns the loss of members and extends condolences to members on their losses:

Deborah and Steven Shapiro *on the loss of her father, Dr. Michael Freedman*
Corinne and George McCormack *on the loss of her father, Edwin Futterman*
Morrie and Beth Kleinbart *on the death of his father, David Kleinbart*
Laureine and David Greenbaum *on the death of her mother, Ruth Knight*
Craig Seitel, Max Seitel, and Vivian & Edward Fisher *on the loss of their wife, mother, sister, and sister-in-law, Dr. Andrea Seitel*

Give a Mitzvah–Do a Mitzvah for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students

UJA-Federation's Give a Mitzvah–Do a Mitzvah program enables bar and bat mitzvah students to create unique tzedek projects that connect their interests and hobbies to UJA-Federation's work around the world. Students brainstorm projects with the help of a UJA-Federation mitzvah coordinator, then contribute their time, energy and a portion (or all) of their monetary gifts to their own individual mitzvah project. Many PAS children have participated in this program.

For more information, *contact Brittany Wayne at 212-836-1460 or wayneb@ujafedny.org.*

Social Work Support for PAS Families and their Caregivers

Are you or a family member looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, volunteer opportunities or caregiver support? PAS is partnering with DOROT, as beneficiaries of a UJA-Federation Partners in Caring grant, to provide on-site, licensed social work assistance to senior members of our community and their families. Katie Weinberger, LMSW, holds office hours at PAS on Thursdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For more information or to make an appointment, *contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.*

Employment & career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling

These services are available to individuals in the Jewish community (confidentially and at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative. This special program was launched in response to the current economic climate.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, *please call 212-399-2685, x206.*

Celebrating a simha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *kiddush* any weekday after the morning *minyan*.

For more information, *contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600, x105 or lschneider@pasyn.org.*

Harris Julian Vleeschhouwer | April 10

Julian is in 7th grade at The United Nations International School. An intellectually and artistically creative student, he is proud to be part of an international academic community. Music and art are foremost among Julian's many interests. He plays piano and trumpet, performing regularly in recitals and with his school band. A composer as well, he has premiered a composition at a school recital. He also expresses himself through varied visual media. Julian takes great pleasure in opera performances and concerts, art courses and museums. Since the arts are so important to him, Julian will donate a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to The America-Israel Cultural Foundation, which supports artistic life in Israel.

Inspired by his father's bilingual background, Julian studies French and Italian, and wants to learn additional languages. An enthusiastic traveler, he particularly enjoys visits to relatives in Holland, trips to France and Italy, and an annual vacation on Cape Cod.

Julian has truly enjoyed his Bar Mitzvah preparation. He and his family especially thank Cantor Rozenfeld, with whom he worked throughout this year, as well as Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Cosgrove, and Rabbi Rein, for their guidance and insight.

Jesse Blumberg | April 17, 2010

Jesse began her education in the Purple PM room at PASECC and has continued in the Congregational School. A 7th grader at the Spence School, she is a conscientious student, excelling in all her classes. She enjoys playing team sports in addition to dancing with Spence's Middle School Dance Company. Jesse is looking forward to her fifth summer at Raquette Lake Girls Camp, where she enjoys playing tennis, water-skiing and sailing.

Jesse is a thoughtful, generous young lady and a loving big sister. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to those around her. For her Mitzvah project, Jesse is combining her love of reading with her desire to help others. She will serve as a literacy tutor at a local public school, and she will also collect books and funds for Room to Read, an organization that partners with communities in developing countries to provide educational opportunities by establishing libraries, creating local language children's literature, building schools, and providing education to girls.

Jesse and her family would like to thank all her teachers and the clergy at PAS for their guidance and support during her preparation to become a Bat Mitzvah.

Samantha Tova Slavin | April 24

Samantha has been active in the PAS community since her days in the Purple Room. Her Jewish studies continued through PAS summer camp, Congregational School, and Camp Ramah Nyack. This summer will be her fourth at Camp Tel Noar in New Hampshire, where her mother spent many summers. Samantha has travelled to Israel many times including the two PAS congregational trips.

A 7th grader at Trevor Day School, Samantha is an avid reader, plays on the basketball team and enjoys skiing, skating and swimming in the lake in the country. She loves having fun with her many close friends. Samantha's parashah is the same as her father's for his Bar Mitzvah, and they have enjoyed studying it together. Parashat K'doshim includes the verse "Rise before the elderly, light up the faces of the old," which Samantha has taken to heart in her hesed project, visiting with a 96-year-old woman every week through DOROT.

Samantha would like to thank the clergy for helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah, and thank the entire PAS community for making it her second home.

יישר כוח Yasher Koah

Leah Modlin was guest lecturer on the mitzvah of *Bikur Cholim* at the Rabbinical School of JTS, in a class taught by R. Simkha Y. Weintraub.

מזל טוב Mazal Tov

Mazal tov to **Ahou & John Abroon** on the birth of their daughter Isabella Shirin Yafa and to her older siblings!

An integrated list of opportunities for adult learning and programs at PAS Classes and events with no other sponsor listed are offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning. For complete information about classes and events, including registration information, please refer to the ***Winter/Spring 2010/5770 Program Calendar*** *or to the PAS website,* ***www.pasyn.org****.*

Weekly & Biweekly Classes

Monday
- 5:00 pm | Apr. 12 | **Understanding the Siddur** | C. E. Rozenfeld
- 6:30 pm | Apr. 19, 26 | **Torah Reading** | C. E. Rozenfeld

Hebrew
- 6:30 pm | **Beginning Siddur** | D. Monn
- 6:30 pm | **Beginning Conversational** | Z. Rothschild
- 6:30 pm | **Intermediate Conversational** | V. Nissan
- 7:30 pm | **Advanced Conversational** | V. Huboro

Tuesday
- 8:00 om | **Essential Essays** | R. Cosgrove
- 11:30 om | **Contemporary Jewish Thought** | R. Rein
- 6:30 pm | Apr. 13, 20, Moy 4, 11 **The Evolution of Prophecy** | R. Joseph Brodie | $ ✆
- 7:45 pm | April 20, 27, Moy 4, 11 **Understanding Hilkhot Shabbat, the Laws of Shabbat** | R. Julio Andelmon | $ ✆

Wednesday
- 6:45 pm | **Melton Adult Mini-School**

Thursday
- 9:15 om | **Melton Adult Mini-School**
- 12:00 noon | **Lunch & Learn** | PAS Senior Stoff

Friday
- 8:00 om | **Talmud Torah** | R. Rein

Shobbot/Soturdoy
- 8:45 om | **Parashat Hashavua**

For brief descriptions and registration information, see page 10.

Monthly/Bimonthly

Co-sponsored by the Congregational School

Mitzvah Initiative | ✆

Wednesday, April 7 | 5:00 – 5:45 pm | R. Cosgrove
Tuesday, April 13 | 4:45 – 5:30 pm | R. Rein

✆ RSVP to *Phyllis Spiro at 212-369-2600, x131 or pspiro@pasyn.org.*

Horim 101 | Thurs., Apr. 1, 15, 29 | 3:00 pm | R. Rein | ✆

Come for support and advice on how to integrate Judaism into your young child's life, as well as common concerns of new *horim* (parents). Coordinated by new moms Donna Ellenbogen and Carolyn Shapiro.

✆ RSVP to *Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.*

Women's Torah Study Group | ✆

Mondoy, April 12 | 7:30 pm | Robbi Julio Andelmon

For informotion or to be odded to the group emoil list, *contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.*

✆ To RSVP, *email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x140.*

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group

Mondoy, April 12 | 8:00 pm
Book: *Esau* by Meir Shalev.
Focilitotor: Pat Davidson.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday, April 13 | 1:00 pm

Join our *heimish* group for Yiddish conversation and culture, coffee and cake.

For informotion, *call Florence Solomon, 212-369-3856.*

Sponsored by Men's Club

Torah on Tap | ✆

Thursday, April 15 | 7:00 pm | Locotion TBA

Torah on Tap is back! Join Rabbi Rein and members of Men's Club for a Torah discussion over beer and fine spirits. Space is limited.

✆ RSVP to *jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com.*

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams

Thursday, April 15 for Rosh Hodesh Iyyar | 7:30 pm

For locotion ond reodings, *contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.*

Sponsored by Men's Club

Father/Child Softball

Sunday, April 25 | 10:00 om | Locotion TBA.

Bring your bat, your glove, and your kids for a lively game. Spectators welcome! Come cheer your family on! Note: depends on weather and on permit pending. Watch for an email with more details.

Sponsored by Sisterhood and the Rothschild Library

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Mondoy, April 26 | 11:00 om
Book: ***Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search For Her Mother's History*** by Helen Epstein.
Focilitotor: Renée Waldinger.

For more informotion, *call Renée at 212-860-4308.*

Sponsored by WEG

"Smart Women, Smart Money: Taking Charge of Our Financial Lives" | $ ✆

Thursdays | April 8 and April 15 | 6:45 pm

This two session financial fluency program, developed by Barnard College, is a wonderful opportunity to think about, develop and/or refine your financial planning skills. Space is limited.

Session I:
Day to Day Financial Planning

Galia Gichon, MBA

An independent personal finance expert with many years of experience in financial services and on Wall Street, Galia Gichon specializes in individual sessions and seminars addressing personal finance and related concerns.

Session II:
Lifelong Financial Planning

Judith Boies, JD

Judith Boies has a law practice specializing solely in Estate Planning. A regular instructor in Barnard's Financial Fluency program, she has been an Adjunct Professor at Cardozo Law School as well as a Lecturer at New York University and the Practicing Law Institute.

$ ✆ Registration is required; *limited to 50 students per session. Fee for both sessions: $36/ WEG members; $50/non-WEG members. The fee includes all materials. Registration for individual sessions will be on a space available basis: $20/WEG members, $30/non-WEG members.*

For more information, *please contact Marilyn Friedman at MBF300@aol.com or 212-472-0642.*

PAS Gallery

Promised Land: Photographs by Chanan Getraide

Through July

The work of internationally renowned Israeli photographer Chanan Getraide is focused on nature studies, industrial landscapes and the interaction between people and technologies. The photographs in the current exhibit capture many aspects of Israel: parched earth, rushing rivers, blossoming crops, sheep roaming in biblical landscapes, highways, and the sea.

When you come to the Synagogue, *look for the exhibits in the first floor display cases sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library. Changing frequently to reflect current programs and events, the exhibits often feature artifacts from the PAS Archives and material from the Library collection.*

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Un Secret

Tuesday | April 13 | 7:30 pm

In this adaptation of Phillipe Grimbert's autobiographical novel (translated as ***Memory***), a withdrawn only child invents himself an older brother and imagines a romantic past for his parents. At 15, he learns a family secret that forces him to rewrite the story.
Following the screening, Renée Waldinger and Marga Hirsch will lead a short discussion.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Film/Discussion/Lunch: Exodus 1947

Tuesday, April 27 | 1:00 pm

This riveting film tells the story of the Exodus, an aging ship that sailed from France in summer 1947, intending to run the British blockade and to bring 4,500 Holocaust survivors to Palestine.

New Classes

The Evolution of Prophecy | $ ✆

Tuesdays, April 13*, 20, May 4, 11 | 6:30 pm

Rabbi Joseph Brodie, Instructor

This course will explore the role of prophets from the time of the Torah (Abraham, Moses) through the First Kingdom (Elijah, Elisha) to the Classical prophets (Amos, Isaiah I & II). **R. Joseph Brodie** is an instructor of Professional Skills and Bible at JTS and a veteran beloved teacher at PAS.

Understanding Hilkhot Shabbat, the Laws of Shabbat | $ ✆

Tuesdays, April 20*, 27, May 4, 11 | 7:45 pm

Rabbi Julia Andelman, Instructor

This course will explore both the conceptual framework and the practical issues of Shabbat observance.

**The two courses do not meet on all the same dates.*

$ ✆ Registration required. *Fee per course: $70/member, $90/nonmember. Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x140. For more information, contact R. Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.*

Arms & Committees One-time Programs

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Project Ore "Shabbat" Meal | ✆

Friday, April 23 | 11:30 am

Project ORE has served more than 400,000 emergency kosher meals and provided counseling, case management, and other supportive services to isolated, poor, homeless, mentally ill, elderly Jews in New York City since 1987. We have a chance to help serve a pre-Shabbat meal to this community.

✆ **Please rsvp to** *rsvpycg@gmail.com. Space is limited.*

Sponsored by Men's Club

Hearing Our Voices: Intermarriage in the Family? | ✆

Wednesday, April 28 | 8:00 – 9:30 pm

Facilitators: Zane Liff and Charles Yellen

Are you concerned about intermarriage in your children's and/or grandchildren's future? "Hearing Men's Voices" invites men and women to share feelings in a small group. We will meet in the intimate setting of the Rothschild Library. Space is limited.

✆ **RSVP to** *cyellen1@gmail.com.*

Sponsored by Men's Club

Men's Club Regional Dinner | $ ✆

Sunday, May 2 | 6:30 pm | East Meadow Jewish Center

Join us at the NY Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to honor our "man" of the year, Cantor Nancy Abramson! We will help coordinate rides to Long Island. $85/person.

RSVP by April 28 to *jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com.*

Shabbat Dinners

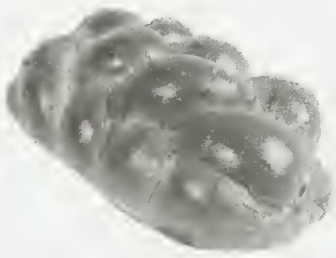
Shabbat Dinner

Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Abraham Foxman | $ ✆

Friday, May 7 | 7:30 pm, following Musical Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 pm

Abraham Foxman is the National Director of the Anti-Defamation League and is a world-renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, hatred, prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination.

$ ✆ RSVP by Tuesday, May 4. *$35/members, $45 non-members. Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of any children and authorization to bill your account. Non-members must pay in advance. Babysitting available on request. Cancellations with refund (or credit toward another dinner) until noon on Thursday, May 6. For questions, call 212-369-2600, x140.*



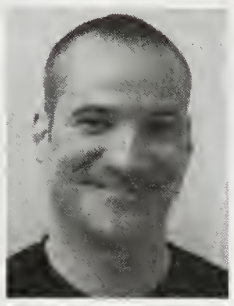
Shabbat Dinner

Reclaiming Shabbat | ✆

Friday, May 14 | In members' homes | Immediately after Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Reclaiming Shabbat has been such a wonderful success that we are adding an additional evening! If you would like to be a host or a guest please contact Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111 by April 30. Space is limited.

PAS could not run without the commitment and creativity of our talented staff of administrative professionals. We dedicate this page to these invaluable members of our staff in recognition of their hard work and myriad contributions to the PAS mission and community. Stay tuned for tributes to other valued employees in future issues of the PAS Bulletin.



Craig Demarest: Assistant to Beryl Chernov and Rabbi Rein. Originally from: Westwood, NJ. Joined PAS: January 2010. Fun fact: "I taught myself to cook after a kitchen renovation two years ago. I haven't eaten out ever since…literally!"

Karen Harris: Daytime Receptionist. Originally from: New York City. Joined PAS: March 2000. Fun fact: Never met a pair of heels she didn't like.

Rachel E. Oppenheim: Administrative Assistant, Early Childhood Center. Originally from: Tel Aviv. Joined PAS: January 1990. Fun fact: Rachel taught ESL in an Israeli high school and did simultaneous translations at international conferences in Israel.

Gil Smuskowitz: Music Office Assistant. Originally from: Israel. Joined PAS: March 2007. Fun fact: "At home in Israel I have a cow collection."

Violet Tebele: Coordinator of Donations, Aliyot, & Yahrzeits. Originally from: Brooklyn. Joined PAS: February 1990. Fun fact: Violet has lived in Seattle, Montreal, New Haven, and Philadelphia.

Lynn Schneider: PAS Office Manager. Originally from: Queens Joined PAS: September 2002 Fun fact: Lynn speaks fluent Italian, is a die-hard Yankee fan, and is a painter in her non-PAS life.

Paul Donahue: Evening Receptionist. Originally from: Pittsburgh, PA. Joined PAS: March 2009. Fun fact: Paul loves Madonna.

Michali Levit: Administrative Assistant for the Congregational School; Limud teacher. Originally from: Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Joined PAS: September 2008. Fun fact: Michali is working on a Masters degree in General and Special Education towards a career in early intervention.

Cindy Sherling: Lifelong Learning Assistant. Originally from: all over – military brat. Joined PAS: March 2010. Fun fact: Cindy loves to watch Hindi films.

Phyllis Spiro: Office Manager, Congregational School. Originally from: The Bronx. Joined PAS: February 2003. Fun fact: Phyllis is an art lover and volunteers at MOMA.

Jo Zablud: Assistant to Rabbi Cosgrove. Originally from: Melbourne, Australia. Joined PAS: January 2009. Fun fact: Jo is a graduate student at NYU and hates tomatoes.

A Principal Needs Principles

Ron Koas

Every day when I arrive at work, I ask myself three questions:

- **Why am I here?**
- **What can I do today to make this school better?**
- **How can I have the best faculty possible?**

I need to answer these questions every day. If I can't, I am unable to do my job well.

Let's start with the first question: Why am I here? I am here at Park Avenue Synagogue to instill a love of Judaism in your children. I am here to strengthen their Jewish identity. I am here to teach them about Israel and our responsibility to support the Jewish homeland. I am here to increase their knowledge of all things Jewish, and advance their Hebrew skills. I am here to help your children grow into committed, knowledgeable, and synagogue-competent Jews, whose Jewish careers will not end with their bar/bat mitzvah.

Now the second question: What can I do to make our school better? You gave me a mandate to be your Congregational School principal, to make our school a model institution of Jewish education. We need to strive constantly to create a positive learning atmosphere, an environment where children will enjoy coming to school and learning new things about our rich Jewish heritage. We have Jewish music programs to make our tradition come alive through song, and family programs to make learning a family affair. We encourage student-teacher interaction and parent involvement so that everyone feels a part of things. I am doing everything I can to make our school a vibrant, welcoming, and fun place for Park Avenue Synagogue children to learn.

The third question I ask myself is: How can I have the best faculty possible?

Any school is only as good as its teachers. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for us to have dynamic, experienced, and knowledgeable teachers. We pride ourselves on doing our best to find such educators for your children. We encourage our faculty to continue to grow and learn Jewishly. They participate in Board of Jewish Education programs to increase their Jewish knowledge and Hebrew proficiency. Our regular faculty meetings also address pedagogical issues so that our teachers can sharpen their classroom skills. We do all this because we believe that a teacher who is excited about Jewish learning and has the proper pedagogical skills will succeed in exciting his/her students as well.

I pledge to continue to address these three questions daily in order to provide your children with the best possible Jewish education here at Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School.

Children's + School Program Schedule

Wednesday, April 7	**School resumes after Passover break.**
Saturday, April 10	**Junior Congregation and classes** **Nitzanim** | 10:15 – 11:00 am
Monday, April 12	**Understanding the Siddur Parent Ed** | 5:00 – 5:45 pm | Cantor Rozenfeld
Tuesday, April 13	**Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed** | 4:45 – 5:30 pm | Rabbi Rein
Wednesday, April 14	**Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed** | 5:00 – 5:45 pm | Rabbi Cosgrove **Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program** | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 17	**Junior Congregation and classes.**
Thursday, April 22	**Vav B'nei Mitzvah program** | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 24	**Junior Congregation and regular classes.** **Pre-K Shabbat** | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Friday, April 30	**Gimel, Daled and Limud Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner** | 6:15 pm

The PAS High School Food Pantry: A Mitzvah that Creates Community

Stephen Rutman
Food Pantry Co-Director

For the past twenty-five years, the Park Avenue Synagogue High School Food Pantry has played a significant role in the lives of our hundreds of volunteers and nearly two thousand clients. Begun as an extension of the PAS High School, the Food Pantry is a student-run organization that provides food packages to less privileged members of the New York City community. Each week, student volunteers take time out of our schedules to package non-perishable items, which we distribute to our clients every Friday afternoon, right in the entry of our synagogue.

Although some students initially volunteer in order to complete their school's "community service requirement," almost immediately, volunteers realize that the Food Pantry is a community from which they cannot part. Over my seven years with the Food Pantry I have not only learned countless invaluable lessons, but I have also developed many enduring relationships.

Perhaps the most significant lesson I have learned through my work at the Food Pantry is the impact of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). While it is certainly gratifying for us that we are improving the lives of those less fortunate than we are in our community, it is even more meaningful to witness how much our clients cherish their weekly interaction with teenagers who truly care about them. Our face-to-face contact with clients provides all the volunteers with a profound understanding of poverty and the tremendous capacity of charitable work.

Although our focus at the Food Pantry is to serve the broader New York City community, a remarkable bonus of our program is the smaller Food Pantry community we have formed over the past twenty-five years. Our dedicated volunteers forge incredible bonds. Working together two to three times every week, the volunteers become quite close as well as developing an ongoing commitment to the Food Pantry. In my three years as co-director, I have been continually impressed by the effort and devotion our volunteers have demonstrated to the program and to our clients.

Over the course of my Food Pantry career, the program has grown astonishingly. Each year we have registered more clients and created new techniques to strengthen our program. This past November the Food Pantry held its largest-ever Thanksgiving event. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving we distributed nearly 500 meals, each including a turkey, stuffing, yams and pie.

All of the volunteers are exceedingly proud of the growth of the Food Pantry over the past twenty-five years. We look forward to another equally meaningful and rewarding twenty-five years.

Need Community Service Hours?

There are many ways to volunteer at UJA-Federation agencies, with possibilities of both one-time and ongoing volunteering. **Contact** *Bruce Weiser at weiserb@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1844.*

There are also opportunities to volunteer at PAS, in the Dept. of Lifelong Learning and in the Rothschild Library. **Contact** *R. Julia Andelman at jandelman@pasyn.org or x142, or Marga Hirsch at mhirsch@pasyn.org or x127.*

Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration for the Entire Congregation

Sunday, April 18 | 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Our High School students invite the entire congregation to a 62nd Birthday Party for Israel! Don your *kahol v'lavan* (blue & white), and come for falafel and hummus, Israeli music, Hebrew word games, and more. There will be something for everyone, *mi-katan ad gadol* (from young to mature).

Pack Your Bags

Wednesday, April 21 | 7:00 pm

Is your son or daughter going off to college in the next couple of years? Join us and bring your student with you, as we learn about what kind of world your children will encounter on campus from a Jewish perspective. We'll talk about how to define and support our stance on Israel, as well as how to protect ourselves from all sorts of anti-Semitic sentiments. We have invited representatives of NYC Hillels and similar organizations to share insights on these and other issues.

Contributions

Bikur Cholim
Ruth Levenson, *in loving memory of her husband Ralph Levenson.*
Barrie & Leah Modlin, *in memory of the parents of Carol Kekst, Daniel & Jeannette Schapiro.*
Barrie & Leah Modlin, *in memory of Barbara Robbins.*

Congregational School Fund
Lisa & Larry Cohen, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin.*

Rabbi Cosgrove's Discretionary Fund
Cathy & Samuel Kirschner.
Dora & Fred Kooby, *in honor of Lynn & Martin Halbfinger.*

Vivian Finkel Education Fund
Jane, Lee, Shira & Scott Bressler, *in loving memory of Hannah & Norbert Blechner.*

Hesed Fund
Carol & Robert Antler, *in memory of Frederick Rothstein, father of Carol J. Antler.*
Carol & Robert Antler, *in memory of Regina Antler.*

High School Food Pantry
Edward Cohen, *in honor of his birthday.*
Susan Heller, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Samuel & Anne Katz, *in honor of their anniversary.*
The Lander Family, *in memory of Edwin Futterman.*
Isaac & Susan Lemor, *in memory of Daniel & Jeannette Schapiro.*
Sylvan & Joan Schefler, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin.*
Ramie J. Silbert, *in memory of Arthur & Phyllis Colvin, beloved parents of Geoffrey Colvin.*
Diane & Gerald Smallberg, *in memory of Arthur & Phyllis Colvin.*
Meryl Wiener, *in memory of her beloved mother Celia Wiener.*
Meryl Wiener & Barry Bryer, *in memory of Daniel & Jeannette Schapiro, parents of Carol Kekst.*

Kol Nidre Donations
Joel and Sherry Cherwin
Robert and Jessica Kalimian
David and Vicki Portman
Barry and Lisa West

Library Fund
Julius Paige, *in memory of his beloved father Jake Pogrebinsky.*

Liturgical Music Fund
Audrey, David Emily & Andrew Kahn, *in honor of Louis Bernstein.*

Prayer Book Fund
Barbara & Philip Brous, *in loving memory of Phyllis Colvin.*
Harriet Feiwel, *in honor of her birthday.*
Erica & Halle Friedman, *in honor of Harry Krieger on his 97th birthday.*

Synagogue Offerings
Ross Abelow, *in memory of his beloved father Morris Lee Abelow.*
Dr. John Abroon, *in memory of his beloved grandmother Touran Benhuri.*
Deanna Adler, *in honor of her birthday.*
Robert & Deanna Adler, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in memory of her beloved brother Louis Pakter.*
Alice Berger, *in memory of her beloved mother Betty Carb Greenberg.*
David Berman, *in honor of his birthday.*
Abe & Estelle Bernstein, *in memory of Barbara Robbins.*
Michael Brenner, *in loving memory of his mother Bella Brenner.*
Edna Burak, *in memory of her beloved mother Ruth Goodman Brussel.*
Edna & Paul Burak, *in memory of Barbara Robbins.*
H. Paul Burak, *in memory of his beloved mother Bette Burak.*
H. Paul Burak, *in memory of his beloved brother George Burak.*
Roberta Chernov, *in memory of Arthur & Phyllis Colvin.*
Jonathan & Martha Cohen, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin.*
Robert Cohen, *in memory of his beloved father Philip Cohen.*
Barbara Cooper, *in memory of her beloved father Jacob Berman.*
Barbara Delgado, *in memory of her beloved father Morris Brownstein.*
Michael Delgado, *in memory of his beloved mother Jean Pedolsky.*
Dr. Robert Dolman & Heidi Slimm Dolman, *in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rosenthal.*
Hollis Dorman, *in memory of her beloved father Morris Dorman.*
Harvey & Suzanne Drachman, *in memory of their beloved son Mark Drachman.*
Florence Edelstein, *in memory of her beloved son Jonathan H. Edelstein.*
Helen Erlich, *in memory of her beloved son-in-law Mark Feiner.*
Barbara Freitag, *in memory of her beloved father James Heller.*
Gail Furman, *in memory of her beloved mother Deborah Babus.*
Clifford Gelb, *in memory of his beloved father Al Gelb.*
Joseph Goldberg, *in memory of his beloved father Harry Goldberg.*
Mary Goldman, *in memory of her beloved father Hyman Gilbert.*
Karen & Alan Goldstein, *in memory of Phyllis & Arthur Colvin.*
Hannah Greenberg, *in appreciation.*
Barbara & Alfred P. Haft, Jr., *in memory of Barbara Robbins.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved father Martin Davis.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law Mattie Hyman.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of Seymour Schechter.*
Alan Jacobs, *in memory of his beloved father Herbert E. Jacobs.*
Stephen Judlowe, *in honor of his birthday.*
Howard & Joyce Kaplan, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Sydell Kastenbaum, *with appreciation to the Clergy.*
Dr. Henry Katz, *in memory of his beloved father Samuel Katz.*
Jane & Stanley Kreinik, *in memory of Allen H. Bergman, father of Caroline Gottschalk.*
Susan Wiener Krevat, *in memory of her beloved father Edward Wiener.*
Florence Lapidus, *in memory of her beloved mother Anna Schmerzler.*
Alan & Alison Levine, *in memory of the parents of Geoffrey Colvin, Phyllis & Arthur Colvin.*
Alan & Alison Levine, *in memory of the parents of Carol Kekst, Jeannette & Daniel Schapiro.*
Joseph Lonner, *in honor of his birhday.*
Randie Malinsky, *in memory of her beloved father Ira Waldbaum.*
Judge Millard Midonick, *in memory of his beloved sister Vivian Dicker.*
Martin J. & Mendelle Milston, *in honor of the birth of Carson Cohen, son of Stacey & Josh Cohen and grandson of Joan & Paul Schreiber.*
Herbert Nadler, *in memory of his beloved father Jack Nadler.*
Stanley Nasberg, *in memory of his beloved mother Myra Nasberg.*
Ruth Nearenberg, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Sidney & Ruth Nearenberg, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Shelley & Jeffrey Parker, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin.*
Dr. Morris M. & Laurie Podolsky, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Joan Rosen, *in memory of her beloved mother Rosalind Bleecher.*
Joann Abrams Rosoff, *in memory of her mother and father, Dr. Anna Thurman Abrams & Joseph B. Abrams.*
Laura Rubin, *in honor of her birthday.*
Anita Sands, *in memory of her beloved mother Lily Suszner.*
Alvin & Lilly Schwartz, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gillian Stella Weis Monsky, daughter of Jennifer & John Monsky.*
Eric & Erica Schwarz, *in memory of Phyllis and Arthur Colvin, parents of Geoffrey Colvin.*
Marc Silberberg, *in memory of his beloved mother Ann Silberberg.*
Esther Silver, *in memory of her beloved uncle Sid Hockmeyer.*
Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved mother Fannie Silver.*
Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin, a cherished member.*
Irene Sommerfeld, *in memory of her beloved father Herman Sommerfeld.*
Roxana Tetenbaum, *in memory of her beloved father Joseph Sobie.*
Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved father Martin Davis.*
Marty & Dena Trust, *in memory of Phyllis Colvin.*
Jodi & Charles Yellen, *in memory of Arthur & Phyllis Colvin.*
Dr. Jonathan & Arlyne Zeichner, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Do you know someone ill, elderly or homebound?

The **PAS *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee** reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.*

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4 20 Nisan **Hol ha-moed Pesah**	**5** 21 Nisan **7th day of Pesah** **Offices closed** *9:15 am* **Pesah Festival Service** *10:30 am* **Young Families Pesah Service** *12:45 pm* **Minha**	**6** 22 Nisan **8th day of Pesah** **Offices closed** *9:15 am* **Pesah Festival Service & Yizkor** *12:45 pm* **Minha**	**7** 23 Nisan **CS & HS resume** *5:00 pm* **Mitzvah Initiative** *6:45 pm* **Melton classes**	**8** 24 Nisan *9:15 am* **Melton classes** *12:00 pm* **Lunch & Learn**	**9** 25 Nisan **Candle lighting,** *7:10 pm* *8:00 am* **Talmud Torah** *9:30 am* **HaMishpachah Sheli** *6:15 pm* **Friday Evening Service with Children's Birthday Blessings**	**10** 26 Nisan **Parashat Sh'mini** *8:45 am* **Parashat HaShavua** *9:15 am* **Sanctuary service** *10:15 am* **Iyyun Tefillah** *10:15 am* **Jr. Congregation** *10:15 am* **Nitzanim** *11:15 am* **Tot Shabbat** *12:45 pm* **Minha** *5:00 pm* **Young Families Havdalah**
11 27 Nisan **Yom HaShoah** *10:00 am* **Carl Schurz Park cleanup** *6:15 pm* **Yom HaShoah Prog.**	**12** 28 Nisan *9:30 am* **JAMS** *5:00 pm* **Syn Leadership Skills** *6:30 pm* **Hebrew & Prayer classes** *7:30 pm* **Women's Torah Study Group** *8:00 pm* **Evening Book Discussion Group**	**13** **Tues 13** 29 Nisan *8:00 am* **Essential Essays** *11:30 am* **Contemporary Jewish Thought** *1:00 pm* **Yiddish Club** *4:45 pm* **Mitzvah Initiative** *6:30 pm* **Evolution of Prophecy** *7:30 pm* **Film Un Secret**	**14** 30 Nisan **Rosh Hodesh** *7:00 am* **Morning minyan** *6:45 pm* **Melton classes**	**15** 1 Iyyar **Rosh Hodesh** *7:00 am* **Morning minyan** *9:15 am* **Melton classes** *12:00 pm* **Lunch & Learn** *7:00 pm* **Torah on Tap** *7:30 pm* **Moonbeams**	**16** 2 Iyyar **Candle lighting,** *7:18 pm* *8:00 am* **Talmud Torah** *9:30 am* **HaMishpachah Sheli** *5:00 pm* **Young Families Shabbat Service & Dinner** *6:15 pm* **Friday Evening Service**	**17** 3 Iyyar **Parashat Tazria/M'tzora** *8:45 am* **Parashat HaShavua** *9:15 am* **Sanctuary Shabbat service** **Seminary Shabbat – Chancellor Eisen** *9:30 am* **Havurah** *10:15 am* **Jr. Congregation** *12:45 pm* **Minha Service**
18 4 Iyyar *10:30 am* **Israel Parade Banner Workshop** *12:00 pm* **Congregational Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration**	**19** 5 Iyyar **Yom HaZikaron observed** *9:30 am* **JAMS** *6:30 pm* **Torah Reading Class** *6:30 pm* **Hebrew & Prayer classes**	**20** 6 Iyyar **Yom HaAtzmaut observed** *8:00 am* **Essential Essays** *11:30 am* **Contemporary Jewish Thought** *1:00 pm* **Sisterhood Film & Lunch** *6:30 pm* **Evolution of Prophecy** *7:45 pm* **Laws of Shabbat**	**21** 7 Iyyar *6:45 pm* **Melton classes**	**22** 8 Iyyar *9:15 am* **Melton classes** *12:00 pm* **Lunch & Learn**	**23** 9 Iyyar **Candle lighting,** *7:25 pm* *8:00 am* **Talmud Torah** *9:30 am* **HaMishpachah Sheli** *6:15 pm* **Friday Evening Service**	**24** 10 Iyyar **Parashat Aharei Mot/K'doshim** *8:45 am* **Parashat HaShavua** *9:15 am* **Sanctuary Shabbat service** *10:15 am* **Jr. Congregation** *11:15 am* **Pre-K Shabbat** *12:45 pm* **Minha**
25 11 Iyyar	**26** 12 Iyyar *9:30 am* **JAMS** *11:00 am* **Sisterhood Book Discussion Group** *6:30 pm* **Torah Reading Class** *6:30 pm* **Hebrew & Prayer classes**	**27** 13 Iyyar *8:00 am* **Essential Essays** *11:30 am* **Contemporary Jewish Thought** *1:00 pm* **Sisterhood Film & Lunch** *7:45 pm* **Laws of Shabbat**	**28** 14 Iyyar *6:45 pm* **Melton classes**	**29** 15 Iyyar *9:15 am* **Melton classes** *12:00 pm* **Lunch & Learn**	**30** 16 Iyyar **Candle lighting,** *7:32 pm* 8:00 am **Talmud Torah** *9:30 am* **HaMishpachah Sheli** *6:15 pm* **Friday Evening Service**	ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED WHEN THEY OCCUR. ***Daily Shaharit Minyanim*** *Monday – Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays & Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv*** *Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm.*

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A Look Ahead

For more information, see the Winter/Spring 2010 Program Calendar.

Tuesday, May 18 | **First Night of Shavuot & Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Evening of Study)**
Following services at 8:00 pm and a light dinner reception, stay to celebrate the release of ***Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New Generation Explores the Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief***, edited by Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove, Ph.D.

Wednesday, May 19 | **First Day & Second Night of Shavuot** | 6:15 pm | Congregational School Moving-Up Ceremony & Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Graduation

Saturday, May 22 | **UJA Shabbat**
During services John Ruskay, Executive Vice President and CEO of UJA-Federation of NY will share his vision and his thoughts on how UJA-Federation and its network of over 100 agencies fulfill their mission. This is an opportunity to hear about significant Tikkun Olam efforts happening both in our own community and abroad.

Sunday, May 23 | **Israel Day Parade & Yom HaAtzmaut Party**
Congregational School students will lead the PAS contingent marching in NYC's annual Salute to Israel.

www.pasyn.org

Click to learn about classes, events, organizations, meetings, and other important community news. Find contact information for clergy & staff. Read our Rabbis' Shabbat sermons. Subscribe to our email list.

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